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Please amend claims 8-12 as follows:

- 1. (original) Apparatus for the automatic drawing out of liquids from bottles, by applying a pressure on the liquid by an inert gas to the liquid, wherein the bottles are kept in their normal vertical position, characterised in that it comprises a body (10), lifting means (11) placed on the interior part of the body (10) and a drawing tap (12).
- 2. (original) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the drawing tap (12) consists of a body (13) an electric valve (14) and a tap (15) having a conical mouth (15).
- 3. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein inside the body(13) of the drawing tap (12) are present:
- a channel (16) permitting the entry into the bottle of the inert gas, connected with the pipe of the inert gas circuit;
- a channel (17) connected on one side to the pipe (18) and to the opposite side to the spout (19) and entering a chamber (20) closed by the piston of the electric valve (14) and a branch (21) which is also connected with the inert gas circuit.
- 4. (original) Apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the tap (15) is solidly connected to the body (13) through a chamber (22).

- 5. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 3 wherein the tap (15) is free to move up and down in the chamber (22).
- 6. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 5 wherein in the chamber (22) is present a spring (23) which pushes the tap (15) downwards.
- 7. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 6 wherein the channel (16) at the end which enters into chamber (22) is closed by a needle valve (25).
- 8. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claims 1-7 Claim 1 wherein the means regulating the hydraulic and electric functions are controlled by a software.
- 9. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claims 1-8 Claim 1 wherein the activation of the apparatus is performed by introducing a magnetic or chip card in the suitable inlet.
- 10. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claims 1-9 Claim 1 wherein on the body of the apparatus, by each bottle, a liquid crystal- or luminous led-display showing the amount due for each draught is present.
- 11. (currently amended) Apparatus according to elaims 1-10 claim 1 wherein the body (10) houses more then one bottle.

12. (currently amended) Method for drawing liquids from a bottle through the action of an inert gas pushing on the liquid contained in the bottle, wherein an apparatus according to elaims 1-11 claim 1 is used.